

ABSTRACT

Contents encrypted by content encryption keys AE_{R1} , AE_{R34} and content decryption keys AD_{R1} , AD_{R34} encrypted by encryption keys BE_4 , BE_6 , BE_7 are recorded on recording media 301, 302.

- 5 The encryption keys BE_4 , BE_6 , BE_7 differ among playback regions 1 to 4 preset to control the permission and inhibition of content playback. Content playback regions can be limited by using only the encryption keys of regions where playback is permitted. Even if a key is leaked out, the other playback regions are not affected because the encryption keys differ among playback regions and therefore the copyright protection function is increased.